BPSE-146

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) [BAFPS]

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Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Political Science [BAPSH]

ASSIGNMENT 2026-27

BPSE-146: CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACE BUILDING

Faculty of Political Science

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation in IGNOU consists of two parts:

i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage, while 70% weightage is given to the term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet contains TMAs for the optional course BPSC 146: Conflict Resolution and Peace Building, a six-credit course. The booklet, therefore, has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay-type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment Two has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to understand concepts and processes clearly.

Assignment Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recalling the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and or a clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Session	**Last Date of Submission**	**Whom to submit to**
July, 2026 Session **January, 2027 Session**	**March 31, 2027** **September 30, 2027**	**The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a Xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science.

BPSE-146: Conflict Resolution and Peace Building

(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

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Marks: 100

Note: Answer all questions. All questions carry equal weightage.

Assignment – I

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. (2 × 20 = 40 marks)

1. What is conflict? Explain the stages in the life cycle of a conflict, from crisis prevention to peace building.

2. Critically compare biological and socio-biological theories of conflict with social structural theories such as structural violence, human needs and relative deprivation.

Assignment – II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each. (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

3. What are new wars? How do they differ from traditional wars between states?

4. What is the Women, Peace and Security agenda? Why is the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 important?

5. Explain, with one example each, conflict over territory and conflict over resources.

Assignment – III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

6. Describe the Conflict Resolution Strategy of Martin Luther King.

7. Discuss the concept of Positive Peace.

8. What is meant by a world peace system?

9. Briefly discuss Kenneth Boulding's classification of conflict.

10. Identify the major sources of conflict in South Asia.